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MILITARY REPORT
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DHOFAH REGION

During the period between 5th October to 12th November, the forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia launched several successful operations on the centres of the colonialist and reactionary enemy and his positions in the Southern Region of Oman (Dhofar). These operations concentrated on al-Mannar and the Western, Eastern and Central Regions during which our forces inflicted upon the enemy heavy losses in life, positions and military installations. The following are details of these operations:-

AL-MANNAR:

On 12th November, our forces shelled the enemy positions at Abu Khuseifa in al-Mannar using artillery for thirty five minutes during which they destroyed for positions of the enemy. The enemy was seen evacuating four casualties between killed and wounded. Our forces returned safely to base.

WESTERN REGION - NORTH SARFEET

On 2nd November at six thirty in the morning our forces launched an attack on the positions of the enemy in North Sarfeet using medium and light weapons reinforced by mortars for half an hour during which three enemy positions were destroyed and a number of enemy members were killed and injured. Our forces saw during the attack the enemy members escaping from their positions as a result of the greatness of our blows. The following day the sniping group of ours managed to snipe six enemy members between killed and wounded in North Sarfeet. On 9th November at eight thirty in the morning our forces shelled with artillery the enemy positions in North Sarfeet for half an hour during which they destroyed six enemy positions and injured several enemy members not assessed yet. At nine in the morning on the same day the sniping group managed to kill two enemy members while carrying out a sniping operation against the enemy members in the same position. The group returned safely to base.

EASTERN REGION:

BRAVE MARTYRS SALEM MOHAMMAD ATTAWEL AND SAIED SUHAIL AZM'S OPERATION:

On 7th November at nine in the morning our forces operating in the Eastern Region launched an attack on the enemy centre at Shirkh using mortars and heavy artillery and machine-guns from all directions for half an hour. British planes carried out a bid during the attack to check off the attack of our revolutionaries. These aircraft combed the nearby area indiscriminately resulting in the burning of wide grazing areas. Enemy losses during this attack included the destruction of two positions completely and the death and injury of five members.

Our losses were none.

CENTRAL REGION:

In the Central Region our forces carried out seven successful operations on the enemy centres at Ashirakh and Aqabat Asheikh. On 5th, 13th and 14 October our forces launched four attacks on the enemy centre at Shirakh north of the British air base at Sallalah using machine-guns and mortars. Our forces managed during these attacks to destroy several enemy positions and to injure a number of enemy members. From our side no casualties were incurred. On 8th and 13th October our forces launched three attacks on the enemy centre at Aqabat Asheikh using light and medium weapons for an intermittent period during which our forces managed to kill and wound nine enemy members. In view of the heaviness of our blows the enemy combed the area with his incendiary and destructive bombs resulting in the burning of some grazing places. But there were no casualties on our side.

TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES:

- 1) Death and injury of 32 enemy members
- 2) Destruction of fifteen positions completely
- 3) There were some casualties which were not assessed yet.

Our Losses during these operations:

- 1) Burning of wide areas of grazing places.

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EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL UNION CONFERENCE CONDEMNS SAVAGE ACTS
BY BAHRAINI GOVERNMENT

The Eight World Union Conference which was held in Varna in the People's Republic of Bulgaria addressed during the period 15th-22nd October, 1973 a message to the Council of Ministers in Bahrain which contained condemnation by the conference of the repressive and suppressive acts exercised by the reactionary Bahraini authorities against the unionist and democratic militants and declared its solidarity with the working class and people of Bahrain.

The message also asked the release of the members of the constituent Committee of the workers and all detainees immediately and to bring back the exiled to their homeland and to give due respect to the World Labour agreements and restoration of the union freedoms and rights to the workers of Bahrain.

OPEN MANOEUVRES BY PIECES OF AMERICAN FLEET IN BAHRAIN

After the declaration by the puppet Government of Bahrain to abolish the agreement for the hire of al-Jufair base to the Seventh Fleet of America, the American fleet carried out open manoeuvres. Command vessel "Lassall" left the Base to the Gulf on 26th October, 1973, while arriving on the same day to Sulaiman port the rocket carrier "Miksandles" where it stayed for six days. After its departure a destroyer carrying the No. 1630 arrived. After that "Lassall" came again to take up position beside this destroyer at Sulaiman port.

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PRESS STATEMENT ON ALLEGATIONS BY SULTANATE'S DEPUTY DEFENCE
MINISTER

Puppet Fahr bin Taimour Dp. Defence Minister in the Sultanate of Oman held a press conference in which he alleged the following:-

- 1) That an aircraft of the air force of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen raided centres belonging to the puppet Sultanate,
- 2) That the artillery of Democratic Yemen shelled Sarfeet centre which lies in the borders of Oman from the town of Hof which is situated in Democratic Yemen.
- 3) That the forces of Democratic Yemen take part with the forces of the People's Front against the forces of the Sultanate in Dhofar.

Any observer having the slightest fraction of objectivity, need not discover the contradiction between the talk of the Deputy Defence Minister of Sultanate and his reactions in the face of the objective facts.

- 1) The western Region of Dhofar, like other rural areas which were completely freed by the People's Liberation Army, lies under the control and authority of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and the Sultanate has not but a military centre besieged in Sarfeet. Therefore the talk about the attack by a Yemeni plane is a mere allegation hiding behind it pre-planned aggressive intentions.
- 2) The forces fighting the British invading forces, the mercenaries of Qaboos, the special Iranian forces and the Jordanian officers are the fighters of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia in accordance with the admission of Qaboos himself on more than one occasion. These fighters were always described by him as rebels whom he specified on several occasions as minor individuals. The latest official statement by him with this meaning was that made to the pressmen in London in the beginning of September. So how the lumps of Communists as admitted by Qaboos and the British Defence Secretary Carrington in the British Parliament turned into regular forces of Democratic Yemen.
- 3) The Sarfeet camp, which it established, is a centre directed against the nationals and citizens whether Yemeni or Omani as admitted by the British officers themselves who work in the camp when they had an interview with the British television. The officer, who served in Northern Ireland, said in reply to a question on the difference between Ireland and Sarfeet, that in Ireland there exists friends for the British army while no friend exists in this area. So we open fire in all directions and any one visiting Hof will see the practical results of such operations existing in the shelling of houses of Yemeni citizens in Hof and its surroundings.

These false allegations are nothing but justifications for launching a new attack on the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. Such talk is not mere speculation but it is depending upon previous experiences and follow up of the aggressive behaviour of the British officers who lead such aggressive war.

The savage aggression on Hof and the nearby areas on 18th May, 1972 by the British aircraft and the barbaric shelling by the long-range artillery of the Sultanate and the naval fleets of the Sultanate which it bought from South Africa and which carry out daily provocative acts against Democratic Yemen, were preceded by similar allegations.

We expect, after the defeats received by the Sultanate's Army and British officers repeatedly at the hands of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia, that the British and their puppet Qaboos are to launch a new attack on the Yemeni territories.

Moreover, the submission of a complaint by the Sultanate against the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in the United Nations and the Arab League is only a manoeuvre behind which it hides in order to launch an attack on the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf draws the attention of the Arab and world public opinions to the seriousness of such statements and regard them as preludes for aggressions against the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. Therefore, the People's Front asks the forces of progress and peace in the world to firmly confront and expose such allegations.

NEW MINISTERIAL RESHUFFLE

MADE BY BRITAIN IN MUSCAT

The colonialist authorities in Muscat made a Ministerial reshuffle in the puppet Qaboos government. Under such reshuffle two new Ministries were created. The cabinet was also entered by three new puppets. Two Ministries were Information and Development were established. The Cabinet was entered for the first time by three Ministers. They are Karim Ahmed al-Harni, who is appointed as Minister of Development, Faisal bin Ali, former Ambassador of the Sultanate in Washington, appointed as Minister of Education and Qais Abdul Moneim Azzawawi was appointed as Foreign Minister in place of Fahd bin Mahmood who was appointed Minister of Information and Tourism.

Such Ministerial reshuffle is regarded as a victory for the Tareq wing who was removed from the Premiership as he was representing the current of neo-colonialism and the forces of American imperialism and West Germany. The return of such men to such current is regarded as a result of the failure of the policies of the wing of Qaboos. It also represents victory for the American plan which will make all parties of imperialism get their share of Oman and use the psychological warfare and reforms to pull the carpet from under the revolution.

NEW AMERICAN PLANES FOR SAUDI ARABIA

At a time in which the United States of America established a huge air bridge with the task of supplying Israel with modern and striking weapons to compensate, as it was said, the heavy losses incurred by it during the recent war, and at a time in which it was said that Saudi Arabia dropped its political, economic and military weight in the battle against Israel, and at a time in which it stated that Saudi Arabia stopped the pumping of oil to the United States of America, it was announced that the American air force will deliver jet fighters of the "F5D" to the Saudi Arabia. What does this mean?

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE TRAIN GROUP OF PUPPETS PRIOR TO TAKING THEM INTO THE INTELLIGENCE MACHINERY

The reactionary authorities in Muscat sent a group of puppets to London for training on espionage and intelligence activities so that they later join the local intelligence machinery which is administered by British officers and which is regarded as a Branch of the British intelligence. These puppets include puppet Ahmed Mubarak Mustahil Her. The group stopped at Kuwait airport while on its way to London on 10th November, 1973.

FORMATION OF COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF REVOLUTION IN OMAN
AND ARABIAN GULF AND YEMEN IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BEIRUT

A Committee in Support of the Revolution in Oman and the Arabian Gulf and Yemen was recently formed in the American University in Beirut. The committee issued its constituent statement in which it defined the basic lines for its activities which lines represented in the following points:-

A) AT INFORMATION LEVEL:

- 1) To hold annual conferences by holding and staging a Week for Oman, and the Arabian Gulf in the first week of March and to hold celebrations on the occasion of 9th June, the Day of the Revolution, to explain the history of the development of the Revolution and its struggle and objectives to the masses;
- 2) To write in press and newspapers and magazines to explain the stand of the revolution and its struggle and to make those newspapers take stands in support of the revolution.
- 3) To hold symposiums and lectures within the circle of the students and to enlighten them with the revolution along with the mass circles.
- 4) To distribute the literatures of the front and to bring everything issued by it to the students.
- 5) To organise demonstrations and protests and to issue statements on different occasions.
- 6) To take part in exhibitions.

B) MATERIAL BACKING:

To collect financial donations through the sale of the front magazines and literatures and collection of medicines and medical equipment etc. The committee went to the classes of the students in the university in order to understand the cause and issue of the revolution in Yemen, Oman and the Gulf and to heighten activity for backing it through activity for the consolidation of the armed revolution and extension of constant and effective aid in all fields as well as to give prominence to its victories and successes realised by the revolution during the confrontation of imperialism and reaction as well as to expose and reveal the foreign interference in the area and its stooges including the Arab reactionary rulers and to expose the terroristic and repressive campaigns and the campaigns of arrests consecutively carried out against the citizens in the arena of Yemen, Oman and the Gulf.

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Q3) What is the echo left by the armed revolution which is led by the People's Front in the progressive centres in Lebanon and in particular and the Lebanese masses in general?

A3) The echo of the armed revolution led by the People's Front in the arena of Oman and the Gulf in general is a positive echo. I can say that such experiment waged today by the People's Front brought back confidence in the life of the toilers and militants of the masses of our people whether in the arena of Lebanon or in the Palestinian arena or in all fields in which the masses of our people and our Arab nation are fighting. The People's Front brought back to the masses confidence and made them realise that the political struggle alone is not the method with which to face the colonialist and the reactionary and feudal forces which are in control. But what was proved and still to be proved by the forces of the People's Liberation Army and the forces of the People's Militia and the steadfastness of the masses under the leadership

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of the organisational tool which is the People's Front, this tool which is equipped with the revolutionary theory is the success of the revolutionary movement which is being realised and realised every moment victory upon another.

The most honourable revolution waged today in the world and in the arena of the Arab homeland is the revolution which is represented by the People's Front in Dhofar and which is represented by the national liberation movements waged by all revolutionary forces in the countries of the Third World which suffer from subjugation and oppression from imperialism, and its allies and stooges including feudalist and reactionary rulers. In other words this experiment through the heroism carried out and demonstrated by the elements of the forces of the People's Liberation Army and the forces of the People's Militia and the steadfast masses and militant and combative masses is a genuine proof. Such an experiment is today a symbol for the combative experiments and is today due to what it is realising whether at the level of its commitments to the massive line and cohesion to the massive line and its reaction with the steadfast masses in Dhofar against the colonialists and the feudalist rulers and the revolutionary tasks laid down by the front upon it-self, explain to what extent this front realised the physical role which started to impose itself in the light of the circumstances and nature of the staged being passed by it. For example when it starts to explode and pave the objective circumstances, the revolutionary energies explode and create the revolutionary militant through the activities it places for eradicating illiteracy left by colonialist as an obstacle in the rurals in order hamper the way in front of the front. The People's Front, when getting committed to all its elements for eradicating illiteracy, it is putting upon itself an important revolutionary task, and when it gets close to the masses through the committees formed with the aim of solving the problems of the masses and to extend medical and other aids, it is also carrying with awares and enlightenment the commitments of such stage in the basic revolutionary tasks. When it realised through the Hamraia congress an historical junction in the procession of the revolution and shifted it from its structure and tribal and primitive build-up to a revolution with its proper and practical understanding, such a junction in the procession of the revolution is also regarded as one of the most important accomplishments in the procession of the revolution. It is the most important and most honourable achievement that will change and stop against the possibility of the setback of the procession of this revolution which deepens day after day its victories through the blood it incurs for the operation of victory and for the liberation of the masses which suffer from all types of backwardness and insubordination. The acts accomplished by the People's Front for abolishing the relations of man with land with the tribal understanding, have had great echo in the circles which appreciate and realise its great importance. When the People's Front abides by anything through its thinking and awareness of what is going to free an obstacle and a barrier between the revolution and the masses, it works to wipe out through the endorsement of the right of every citizen to be the own of the land and the water in order to foil the conspiracies of colonialism which aim at exterminating the steadfast masses by hitting the farms and burning them and the places of water and by exterminating their cattle which are basically the source of production. When the People's Front turned towards non-concentration of tribalism and invasion between the toiling masses, it only did that in order to safeguard the gains of the land and the sources of the water.

STATEMENT ON AMERICAN PEACE CONFERENCE

Our Militant Masses,

The Arab National Liberation Movement topped by the Palestinian revolution is facing these days an imperialist attack through the extensive American movements and proposals coupling them that may lead in the event of their acceptance to imposition of a state of a surrender on the Arab peoples and negligence of the rights of the Palestinian to liberate completely their homeland and establish the democratic Palestinian State. This means imposition of American control over the Arab countries.

It was clear since the beginning that American imperialism aims at spreading its influence on this strategic area which is rich with oil and to tighten the insubordination of the Arab countries to American imperialism by the imposition and protection of reactionary and puppet regimes on them. There was no need to prove that the basic enemy of the peoples, the Arab peoples, is American imperialism and that what is needed is the mobilisation of all material and human resources in order to confront the imperialist enemy and his tools in the Arab area and to prepare the popular masses and to equip and arm them in order to wage the long-term popular war against the American enemy and his bases and stooges in the area. It was proved during the recent war that the United States considers Israel as its thick stick with which to beat the Arab peoples and to obstruct their procession, uplift and progress. The United States is extending to its base all military, political and economic needs and it is impossible to separate between the struggle against the Israeli aggression and the Israeli sectarian entity and the struggle against the American imperialist presence as it proved through the war that the brave Arab armies and the heroic Palestinian resistance are capable of directing huge blows to the Israeli enemy and realising glittering military victories over them and destroy the legend on its supremacy. The Arab masses also proved their completely preparedness to accept all required sacrifices for waging the long-term popular war whose aim is not to disturb the state of no-war and no-peace and not to submit and move the issue to the Americans for their comment, but aims at destroying the imperialist interests and causing fundamental change in the balance of power in the interests of the Arab national liberation movement through which it is possible to impose condition on the imperialist enemy as it happened in Vietnam. But the imperialist circles which want to abort the Arab national liberation movement and to massacre the Palestinian resistance as well as to spread up their influence in an extensive manner in the Arab area, moved swiftly submitting proposal after proposal to prove that the Americans are the sole power capable of forcing Israel to withdraw and that to open the doors widely for them and to throw confidence in them, will make them press on Israel to withdraw from the territories occupied in 1967. Such a lesson bet is not at all separate from the lessons of the past six years but prove the extent reached by some Arab regimes.

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf pointed out that the imperialists do not want any good for our Arab peoples but want to impose their influence on our countries and to continue to loot our oil wealths and to establish the positions of their reactionary allies and Zionist tools in the Arab area. It also clearly pointed out that the Americans want to control the Arab oil and have complete influence on it and for this they push Israel towards launching an aggression after another in order to create more mercenary armies to fight the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen and intimidate their stooges in Teheran, and Jordan to send their armies to Muscat for

fighting the armed revolution in Oman. The nature of the imperialist interests and their contradiction with the interests of the Arab masses call upon us to wage a war against the aggressors in our homeland and those running after our wealths and it is impossible to surrender our destiny to the Americans for deciding the nature of peace they want to impose on the Arab nation, but we must strengthen and deepen relations with the friendly forces and countries which stood by the side of our just struggle in all crises.

From here emanates the seriousness of all settlements, and projects laid down by the Americans for imposing their peace on the area through the conference proposed to be held next month. We see that the proposed conference cannot at all be a conference for peace but will be a conference for surrender and a start for implementing all imperialist projects to liquidate the Palestinian issue. Its effects will be huge and serious on the armed revolution in Oman and the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen and all revolutionary and national forces and the national Arab countries hostile to American imperialism. The area will witness a great increase in the reactionary attacks backed by the Americans to spread up their influence on the Arab area taking advantage of their oil potentialities and the political tricks they exercise on other Arab regimes.

The conference which the Americans want is only one of the rings of the American plan in the area and if its dangerousness to the Palestinian issue is appearing clear to the eyes, we wish to point to its dangerousness to the armed revolution in our homeland and the liberation movement in the Arabian Peninsula. The imperialists and reactionaries are now moving at the level of the Arabian Peninsula to liquidate the positions of the revolution there and to cast the Saudi reactionary influence on the entire area. The puppet Qaboos regime wants to distort the masses and make them pull away from the revolution by appearing in the form of the person eager about the Palestinian question through his information support which is supervised by the mercenaries of the Jordanian regime in order to hide the increasing imperialist penetration in Oman and his increasing reliance on the Iranian throne and permission to the foreign countries to interfere in the internal affairs of Oman to protect his collapsing throne. At the same he is escalating his military campaigns and barbaric shelling on the liberated areas aiming at liquidating the revolution in the southern region and tightening the fence of enslavement on the entire Omani people.

However, Saudi reaction is becoming active to occupy advance positions through financial aid and its oil role to establish the position of the reactionaries in the other Arab countries and to chase the national and progressive forces and to liquidate them so that the political map of the Arab countries is attached to the Saudi Arabia or close to it.

When it failed in the field of political tricks, it recruited spies and mercenaries to thwart the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen and exercises an ugly policy to confront the nationalist and revolutionary forces in the north of Yemen and reinforces its positions in the Emirates of the Arabian Gulf. Saudi reaction is now trying to convince its American masters of its ability to play a great role in the Arabian Gulf area instead of Iran. To explain the dangerousness of the American plan in the southern Arabian Peninsula, the colonialist authorities in Muscat hint on an aggression against Democratic Yemen under false allegations and at the same time Saudi Arabia recruits thousands of mercenaries to attack Democratic Yemen.

AMERICAN PEACE CONFERENCE - Cont'd.

In the face of such plans, the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf sees that the physical tasks are as follows:-

- 1) The revolutionary and nationalist forces and the Arab national regimes are to reject the American surrender conference and the results obtained from this conference which will not at all be in the interest of the Arab national liberation movement.
- 2) The revolutionary and nationalist forces and the Arab regimes are to launch an extensive campaign to expose this plan and its aims and to mobilise the broad Arab masses for rejecting the American solutions and to launch further political, military and massive struggles in order to foil these imperialist plans.
- 3) To affirm that the armed Palestinian resistance is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and that the revolutionary and nationalist forces and the Arab national regimes are to consolidate the resistance and protect it against the criminal plans which are being woven against them for liquidating them and to open the Arab fronts for it to continue the armed struggle against the Israeli racial entity.
- 4) To affirm that the American solutions do not aim only against the Palestinian issue but also the Arab national liberation movement as a whole, and in other words needs strong cohesion and unity between the groups of the Arab revolutionary movement in order to check off the imperialist attack and not to allow the Saudi reactionary attack to realise its greeds which serve the American imperialists.

Our Militant masses,

The imperialists, reactionaries and Zionists want to liquidate the gains of the historical stage entirely and to realise what they have failed to realise throughout the past quarter century and to place the Arab masses under the American, Zionist and reactionary trusteeship. In other words we are required to be alert and greatly aware of this and not to be deceived by such plans and to work swiftly and actively for foiling these plans. Since all reactionary and submissive regimes work to isolate the Arab masses from this issue, the nationalist and revolutionary forces are required to mobilise the broadest masses and put them in the struggle against such plans.

Let the unity of the revolutionary and nationalist forces be consolidate and let us struggle to push out the peace of the Americans and Zionists.

21.11.73 THE PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF

SHOOTING DOWN AN ENEMY HELICOPTER...ENEMY GIVES FALSE EXCUSE

The client enemy spokesman confessed through Salala Radio on 14/11/73 the shot down of one of the army helicopter and the death of its British pilot and his assistant to the north of Beit Zarbeeg in The Mid Region.

The enemy spokesman reasoned the fall down of the helicopter due to mechanical fault.

the region in which the helicopter was shot is under the control of The People's Liberation Army. This false excuse reminds us of a simillar one ;that is colliding with a mountain , which was given by Muscat authority as a reason for the fall down of one of their Strike-Master bomber, while The British Defence Ministry confessed that the British pilot killed in the shot down plane was due to the ground fire of PFLOAG fighters
